



State Representative Raymond Kalinowski

Dear Friends,

This past legislative session was generally a productive one. Bills were enacted into law that improved our environment and quality of life, provided increased assistance for our veterans and their families, and changed ethics requirements and contracting reform.

I opposed the state budget as written because of its excessive tax increases on small businesses and families. Fairness, economic opportunity, and fiscal responsibility should be what guides our budgetary process and not unrestrained spending.

I was proud to be named Ranking Member, a leadership position, on the Veterans Affairs Committee and played a significant part in writing bills that assisted members of armed forces and their families. Also, a bill I introduced to improve care for kidney dialysis outpatients became law. As always, I will continue to fight for fair funding of public schools. The current system siphons most of state school aid to the three largest cities, Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven, leaving little for other towns and cities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on any state related or consumer issue you may have. Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you in our state legislature in Hartford. For additional information, please visit the Capitol web site at www.housegop.state.ct.us or my personal web site at www.RayKalinowski.com.

Sincerely,



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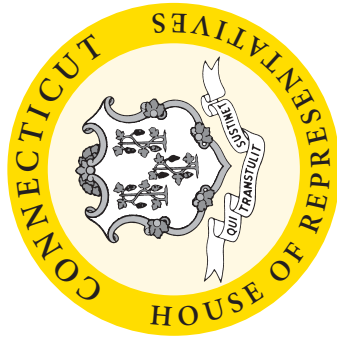


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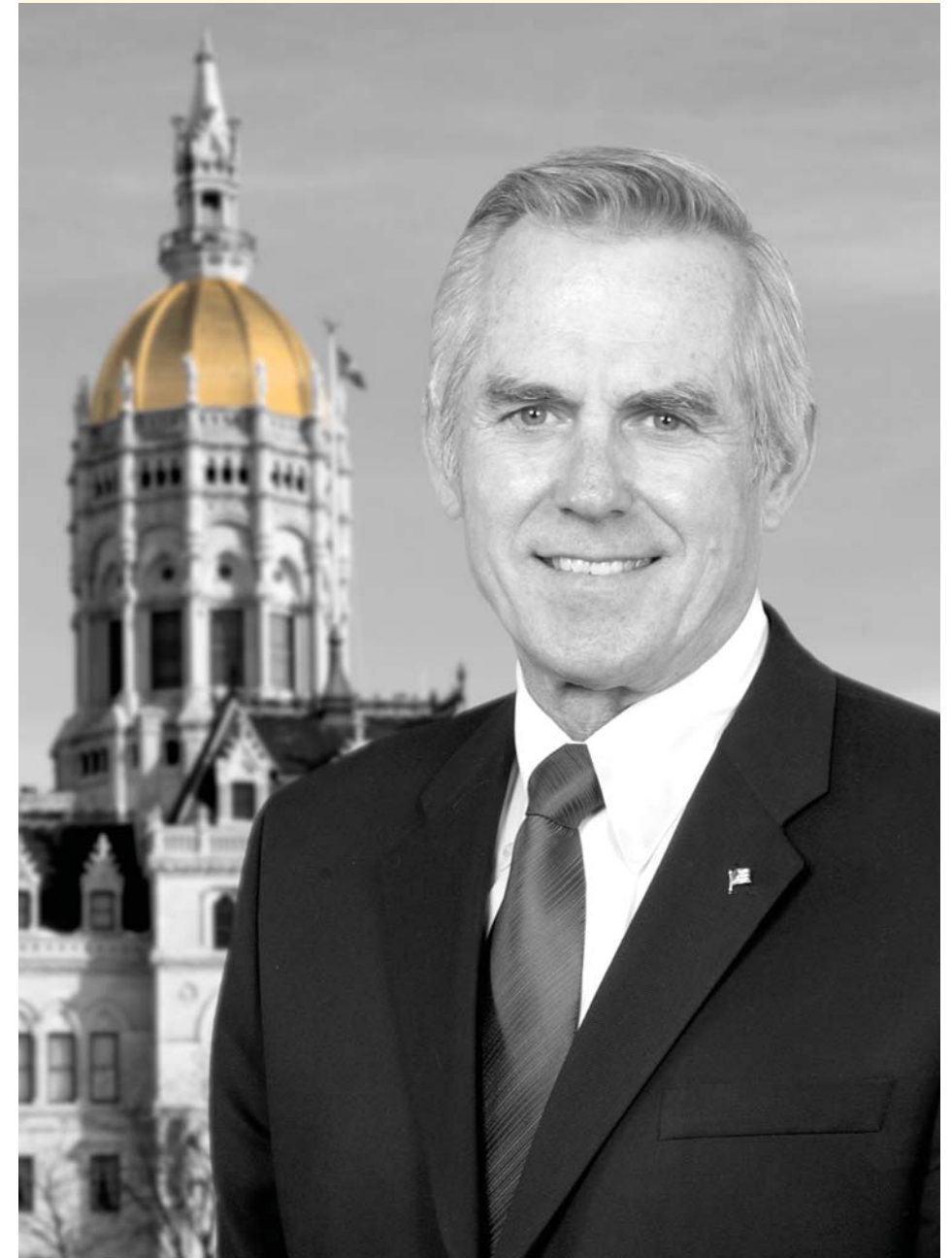
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Rep. Kalinowski speaks on the floor of the House during the 2005 Legislative Session.

PROTECTING YOUR INTERESTS

Voting for Fiscal Responsibility

During the 2005 session, many colleagues and I spoke out for the average family. We know how hard people work, especially in a high tax state like Connecticut. Residents here pay the highest combined federal, state and local taxes per person.

Honoring the Spending Cap

I fought efforts by special interest groups to increase spending and taxes faster than people's incomes and voted to honor the constitutional spending cap which was approved by an overwhelming 80 percent of statewide voters in 1992.

Protecting Jobs

Connecticut lags the nation in job creation, income growth and economic expansion. Now is not the time to impose job-killing higher taxes and regulation on small and mid-sized employers. I voted to hold down excessive spending increases and regulation.

Voting for Property Rights

I am concerned about the growing power of government to interfere in people's lives at home, at work and in schools. I voted in support of property owners in New London whose homes are being seized for a private hotel development and voted to limit government's ability to take property through eminent domain.

Reforming the Legislature

As Republicans, we proposed negotiating the state budget in the open instead of behind closed doors, giving 72-hour public notice before voting on any new law and requiring a public hearing on any tax increase. We will continue to speak out for more public access to the actions of our state legislature.

Fighting for Fair School Funding

For children, many colleagues and I will continue the fight for fair funding of public education. The state school aid formula now sends \$9,000 per pupil to students in the cities, while suburban children receive state funding as low as \$100.

Clean Diesel Plan

The legislature took action to reduce diesel emissions from school buses, transit buses and trucks on our streets and highways. In previous sessions, the legislature had addressed emissions from power plants and other vehicles.

State Ethics and Contracting Reform

For a third year, I voted to continue tightening the state's already tough contracting process and ethics requirements. Connecticut now has some of the toughest laws of any state in protecting citizens from government abuse.

CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS WORK 123 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR JUST TO PAY THEIR TAXES

Future CT Burden

Connecticut

National Avg.

Alaska



May 3

Apr. 17

Apr. 2

Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Jun. Jul.

Protecting Pension Income

For retirees, I cosponsored a measure to exempt pension benefits from the state income tax. However, the legislative majority approved only a 50 percent exemption on military pensions beginning in 2008. More needs to be done next year to help people keep more of their pension income to provide for themselves in their retirement years.

Funding for Town Road Aid

To help local property taxpayers, I sponsored a bill to increase state aid to cities and towns for road repairs and repaving. The final state budget includes increases in road aid and other state formula grants for Middletown, Middlefield and Durham.

Consumer Protection

The House and Senate adopted measures with my strong support to help protect citizens from identity theft and improve access to financial services. Connecticut leads the way in many ways to help consumers guard against abusive and criminal financial dealings.



Rep. Ray Kalinowski discusses legislation with Rep. Janice Giegler of Danbury.

Veterans

As ranking member of the legislature's Veterans Affairs Committee, I played a significant part in writing new laws to improve assistance to veterans and military families.

Campaign Finance Reform

One issue unresolved between the House and Senate is how to root out special interest money in political campaigns. Strict financial limits and complete disclosure, in my view, are a better approach than using taxpayer dollars to fund more political campaign spending.

Open Space and Farmland Preservation

The state House and Senate adopted policies, with my strong support, to maximize funding for open space acquisition and farmland preservation.

Protection of Our Environment

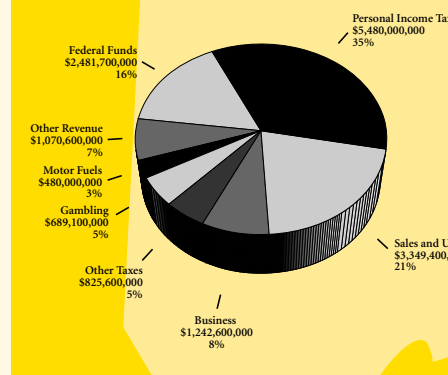
As a member of the Environment Committee, I was pleased to support many new proposals to improve air and water quality and protect our environment.

State Budget

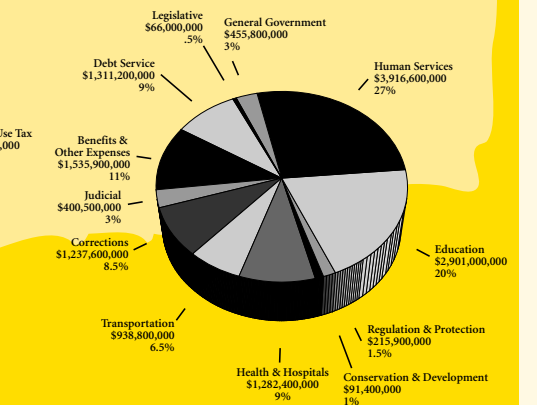
The state House and Senate majorities approved a \$31-billion, two-year budget that raised spending 9 percent the first year and 12 percent over two years. The budget brings back the state death tax for estates that include farms, family businesses and other assets totalling \$2 million. It extends an increase in the sales tax on homes that was supposed to be only temporary. I could not support excessive spending and taxation that will harm job-creating businesses and slow the state's sluggish job and income growth.

BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2005 THE 2005 GENERAL FUND AND THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND TOGETHER SPEND \$14.4 BILLION

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



*Revenues Exceeded Spending Leaving A General Fund Surplus of \$777 Million